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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby note the following documents, which are related to U.S. Patent No. 6,549,888, which was previously cited to the U.S. Examiner:

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2004-059638 to Mario AIETA et al., entitled "Systems and Methods For Bonding Information And Services", which was published on March 25, 2004; and

International Application Publication No. WO 02/15089 A2, which was published on February 21, 2002.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), a copy of the U.S. patent application publication is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

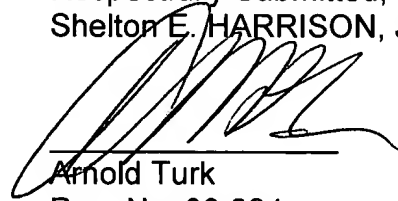
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of the above-noted foreign document is attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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